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March 30, 2009

### **MEMORANDUM**

### SENSITIVE

TO: THE COMMISSION

THROUGH: ROBERT A. HICKEY

STAFF DIRECTOR

FROM: JOHN D. GIBSONON.

CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

PATRICIA CARMONA ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR

REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION

BY: NATALIYA IOFFE/RHIANNON MAGRUDER/SARI PICKERALI

COMPLIANCE BRANCH

SUBJECT: REASON TO BELIEVE RECOMMENDATION - 2008 12 DAY PRE-

GENERAL REPORT (UNAUTHORIZED QUARTERLY FILERS) AND 30 DAY POST-GENERAL REPORT (UNAUTHORIZED/AUTHORIZED

FILERS) FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PROGRAM

Attached are three lists of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file or timely file the 2008 12 Day Pre-General and/or the 2008 30 Day Post-General Report(s) in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 434(a). The first list is comprised of unauthorized quarterly filers that made General Election contributions or expenditures from October 1, 2008 through October 15, 2008, and failed to file or timely file the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report. The second list is comprised of unauthorized committees that failed to file or timely file the 2008 30 Day Post-General Report. The third list is comprised of authorized committees of candidates who participated in the November 4, 2008 General Election that failed to file or timely file the 30 Day Post-General Report.

The committees appearing on the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report list either filed the report more than five (5) days after the due date but prior to four (4) days before the 2008 General Election (considered a late filed report), or failed to file the report prior to four (4) days before the General Election (considered a non-filed report). The committees appearing on the 30 Day Post-General Report list either failed to file the report, filed the report more than five (5) days after the due date but within thirty (30) days of the due date (considered a late filed report),

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or filed the report more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with 11 C.F.R. 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties indicated in the attachments.

As noted above, the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report circulation list includes unauthorized quarterly filers that made General Election contributions or expenditures from October 1, 2008 through October 15, 2008, but failed to file or timely file the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Election report. In order to accurately identify these committees for administrative fine purposes, the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) used the following procedures and criteria:

- Every 12 Day Pre-General Report (12G) submitted by an unauthorized quarterly filer was reviewed to ensure that it disclosed General Election contributions or expenditures made during the coverage dates of the report. Any report meeting this definition that was filed late is included in the list. Any report not disclosing general election contributions or expenditures during this period is not included in the list, as it is not a required filing.
- Every 30 Day Post-General Report (30G) submitted by an unauthorized quarterly filer that covered the period from October 1, 2008 through November 24, 2008 (55 days) was reviewed for activity which would have required the filing of a 12G. If our research indicated that a 12G was required, we utilized a three-step method to arrive at the activity on which to base the 12G fine amount. First, we took the sum of all itemized receipts and disbursements that should have been disclosed on a 12G. Second, if the committee had any unitemized activity, a per diem level of this activity was calculated by multiplying the total amount of unitemized activity on the report by 27% (15 days (12G Filing Period)/55 days (30G Filing Period)). Third, we took the sum of the amounts calculated in steps one and two to arrive at the level of activity assigned to the 12G. If the same committee also failed to file the 30G in a timely manner, we based the 30G fine on the amount of the remaining level of activity. We arrived at this amount by subtracting the level of activity assigned to the 12G from the total amount of activity disclosed on the 30G. In this case, the committee will appear on both lists and will be assessed a fine for both the 12G and 30G based on the estimated levels of activity described above.

### Recommendation

- 1. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers listed on the RTB Circulation Reports violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Reports.
- 2. Send the appropriate letters.

## Reason to Believe Circulation Report 2008 PRE-GENERAL Election Sensitive 10/23/2008 UNAUTH\_Q Federal Election Commission

AF#	Committee	Committee Name	Treasurer	Threshold	P	PV Receipt Date Days Late	Days Late	FOA	RTB Penalty
1956	C00213231	A DUDA & SONS, INC. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	TRACY DUDA CHAPMAN	\$116,833	0	12/3/2008	Not Filed	\$8,250	\$600
1957	C00295097	AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (STEEL PAC)	THOMAS	\$251,156	0	12/4/2008	Not Filed	\$4,000	\$200
1958	C00034645	AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (FKA ASMT/PAC)	LINDA HICKOK	\$110,237	-	11/6/2008	Not Filed	\$1,000	\$625
1959	C00211250	AON CORPORATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	PAUL HAGY	\$615,146	0	10/31/2008	Not Filed	\$27,258	\$1,400
1960	C00249359	BAKERY CONFECTIONERY TOBACCO WKRS & GRAIN MILLERS INT'L UNION LOCAL 19 POL ORG 'BCTGM'	THOMAS EDWARD	\$129,499	0	12/18/2008	Not Filed	\$2,893	\$500

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Not Filed	Not Filed	Not Filed	7
12/8/2008	12/4/2008	12/1/2008	10/30/2008
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\$109,242	\$309,005	\$496,285	\$314,852
GARY	STEVEN DEMBY \$309,005	TERRENCE BRONOWSKI	MR. TYLER W. JOHNSON
BIKES BELONG COALITION, LTD. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	CALUMET PAC	COOPER INDUSTRIES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
1962 C00372862	1963 C00390583	1964 C00386300	C00099937
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	Threshold	\$290,798	\$468,071	
	Treasurer	JOAQUIN DEL CUETO	MR. MICHAEL CALLAHAN	
	Committee Name	DADE COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL JOAQUIN DEL 1403 PAC CUETO	1967 C00004952 MISSISSIPPI ACTION COMMITTEE FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION	
	AF# Committee ID	1966 C00130187	C00004952	
	AF#	1966	1967	

1969	C00431981	HOMECARE & HOSPICE PAC	RUTH L. CONSTANT	\$252,603	0	11/26/2008	Not Filed	Not Filed \$6,063 (est)	\$600
	1970 C00138966	INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 68 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	JOHN LOMBARDO	\$117,532	0	11/4/2008	Not Filed	\$8,500	\$600
	1971 C00388462	ITC HOLDINGS CORP. PAC	ANNE JINKS	\$158,856	0	12/3/2008	Not Filed	Not Filed \$2,240 (est)	\$500
	1972 C00212522	KELLY SERVICES INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (KELLYPAC)	JAMES D. MCINTIRE	\$155,917	0	1/31/2009	Not Filed	\$31,700	\$1,400

1974	1974 C00409631	LOUISIANA REFORM PAC	JOHN C. SCHMIDT	\$405,337	0	2/27/2009	Not Filed	\$84,182	\$4,000
1975	C00272724	1975 C00272724 MAYNARD COOPER AND GALE PC PAC	EDWARD A. HOSP	\$122,266	0	12/4/2008	Not Filed	Not Filed \$4,038 (est)	\$500
1976	1976 C00421008	METAL LATHERS LOCAL 46 PAC	ROBERT LEDWITH	\$264,728	1	12/10/2008	Not Filed	Not Filed \$8,138 (est)	\$750
1977	C00233304	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE PROPERTIES, DEVELOPMENT PAC (NAIOP-PAC)	ELIZABETH R. GREENE	\$422,814	0	12/4/2008	Not Filed	Not Filed \$9,179 (est)	\$600

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12:25 PM	RTB Penalty	\$900	\$600	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$625	006\$	\$300	\$600	\$220	\$625
3/30/2009	FOA	\$14,977	\$8,869	\$3,058 (est)	\$3,589 (est)	\$2,240	\$2,873 (est)	13,251 (est	\$20,776	\$5,000	\$23,013	\$3,102 (est)
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1 1 1	Receipt Date Days Late	11/13/2008	12/3/2008	12/4/2008	1/7/2009	1/6/2009	12/8/2008	12/1/2008	11/5/2008	12/5/2008	10/30/2008	12/4/2008
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) )	Threshold	\$2,125,755	\$240,104	\$187,936	\$102,460	\$245,129	\$109,257	\$887,679	\$181,673	\$124,465	\$171,312	\$182,712
	Treasurer	MR. ANTHONY VILARDO	MARY JO DORR	H. JULIAN PHILPOTT, JR.	EARL F. HURD	MR. RICHARD C. CREIGHTON	MR. THOMAS SATEGNA	VIRGINIA BEAR	STUART H. APPELBAUM	BILL J. REED	HAL HYNEMAN	REBECCA
	Committee Name	NATIONAL RURAL LETTER CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	NORTEL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	NORTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION INC POL ACT CMTE INC (AKA) NC FARM BUREAU FARMPAC	PLASTERERS' AND CEMENT MASONS' ACTION COMMITTEE	PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION INC. PCA PAC	PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS GROUP	REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	RETAIL, WHOLESALE & DEPARTMENT STORE UNION COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION (RWDSU COPE)	RICELAND FOODS, INC. PAC	RIGHT TRACK PAC	SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR SURGERY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
	Committee ID	C00072025	C00167627	C00216754	C00134742	C00237065	C00025395	C00432252	C00174011	C00220053	C00428268	C00381459
	AF#	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988

AF# Committee ID	Committee Name	Treasurer	Threshold	δ.	Threshold PV Receipt Date Days Late	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
1989 C00120030	SOCIETY (	ELAINE	\$495,580	0	12/1/2008	Not Filed	\$6,250	\$600
1990 C00148155	ST. LOUISANS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT	SHELDON	\$115,326	1	11/6/2008	Not Filed	\$3,049	\$625

1992	1992 C00228296	THE ASCAP LEGISLATIVE FUND FOR THE ARTS	SUSAN BOLTERSDORF	\$294,359	0	11/4/2008	Not Filed	\$7,189	\$600
1993	1993 C00165878	UNITED EMP PAC, CENTRAL LOUISIANA ELECTRIC CO. INC.	MELISSA LOHMAN	\$207,535	0	11/24/2008	Not Filed	\$9,137	009\$
1994	1994 C00235036	ZURICH HOLDING COMPANY OF AMERICA COMMITTEE FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT (Z-PAC)	THOMAS A. BRADLEY	\$610,834	0	11/4/2008	Not Filed	086'8\$	009\$

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1995 C00010322 UNION COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL ACTION
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\$975	\$4,500	\$300	\$210	\$320	\$750	
\$60,625	\$100,107	\$6,675	\$10,288	\$35,074	\$17,149	
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12/13/2008	1/29/2009	1/9/2009	12/26/2008	12/10/2008	1/12/2009	
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\$254,195	\$802,565	\$120,422	\$263,666	\$325,873	\$119,775	
CHRISTOPHER BOWERS	ERNIE PEREZ	EDWARD S. OSADA	MARC	JOAQUIN DEL CUETO	TEROSS W. YOUNG	
BLOGPAC	BORDER HEALTH FEDERAL PAC	BUNCOMBE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	CERNER CORPORATION	DADE COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 1403 PAC	DELHAIZE AMERICA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	
C00406405	C00415752	C00165803	C00410589	C00130187	C00214304	
1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	

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2005	C00354613	INT LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC (ILA) LOCAL 1291 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	MARTIN MASCUILLI	\$129,868	0	1/9/2009	Not Filed	\$9,629	\$300
2006	C00276253	INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES DISTRICT COUNCIL 21 PAC	JOSEPH ASHDALE	\$1,553,623	0	1/8/2009	Not Filed	\$213,959	\$6,500
2007	C00212522	KELLY SERVICES INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (KELLYPAC)	JAMES D. MCINTIRE	\$165,194	0	1/31/2009	Not Filed	\$9,277	\$300
2008	C00001743	LOCAL 1814 INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC AFL- CIO POLITICAL ACTION AND EDUCATION FUND	ANTHONY GRAFFINO	\$196,630	0	3/19/2009	Not Filed	\$10,252	\$500
2009	C00409631	LOUISIANA REFORM PAC	JOHN C. SCHMIDT	\$437,034	0	2/27/2009	Not Filed	\$31,696	\$900
2010	C00170696	MARSHALL AND ILSLEY CORPORATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	DYANA L. PAPENFUS	\$132,557	0	1/6/2009	Not Filed	\$44,233	006\$
2011	C00421008	METAL LATHERS LOCAL 46 PAC	ROBERT LEDWITH	\$279,765	-	12/10/2008	9	\$15,037 (est)	\$162
2012	C00366922	METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION PAC	RAYMOND GIMMLER	\$144,220	0	1/9/2009	Not Filed	\$11,485	\$500
2013	C00376384	MONROE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE	LEIGH KEGERREIS	\$1,282,381	τ-	2/3/2009	Not Filed	\$18,918	\$625
2014	C00092247	NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN PAC	LATIFALYLES	\$489,092	0	12/23/2008	19	\$17,000	\$195
2015	C00452854	NEWAYGO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	CHARLES D. BENHAM	\$145,342	0	12/30/2009	Not Filed	\$8,713 (est)	\$300

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AF#	Committee	Committee Name	Treasurer	Threshold	9	PV Receipt Date Days Late	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
2028	C00400135	UNITED HEALTH SERVICES PAC, INC.	CHRIS C. DOWNING	\$192,434	0	1/8/2009	Not Filed	\$19,105	\$500
2029	C00377549	USAFARMWORKERPAC	STUART J. MITCHELL	\$104,586	0	12/30/2008	26	\$864	\$155
2030	2030 C00417063	WEST VIRGINIA REPUBLICAN PARTY, INC.	MARY V. RIGGALL	\$880,366	0	12/15/2008	11	\$27,446	\$420
2031	C00048181	WISCONSIN BANKERS ASSOCIATION (WISBANKPAC)	MRS. DEBORAH RUFER	\$241,494	0	12/10/2008	9	\$27,016	\$320

# Federal Election Commission Reason to Believe Circulation Report 2008 POST-GENERAL Not Election Sensitive 12/04/2008 AUTH

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RTB Penalty	\$3,375	\$2,700	
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Days Late	Not Filed	Not Filed	
Threshold PV Receipt Date Days Late		1/13/2009	
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Threshold	\$343,017	\$748,019	
Treasurer	MARY WRIGHT \$343,017	MALCOLM A. CUNNINGHAM	
Candidate Name	WRIGHT, MARY D.	JOHNSON, HENRY C. JR.	
Committee Name	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARY WRIGHT	COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT HENRY HANK JOHNSON	
AF# Committee ID	2033 C00449876	2034 C00418293	
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JON P. TUDOR

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DOUG TUDOR FOR CONGRESS

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\$500	\$2,000	\$320	006\$	\$130
\$37,039	\$177,298	\$37,329	\$26,742	\$19,399
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12/14/2008	12/12/2008	12/10/2008	1/14/2009	12/10/2008
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\$201,698	\$602,428	\$2,084,372	\$117,880	\$139,752
MICHAEL CAWRENCE USLE	JACK HOOGENDYK	MR. CARL STAFFORD	KIMBERLY REED	RICHARD
COLEMAN, AUMUA AMATA	HOOGENDYK JR, JACK	KILPATRICK, CAROLYN MS.	REED, CHRISTOPHER	STRATEN, ROLAND
FRIENDS OF AMATA	JACK HOOGENDYK FOR US SENATE	KILPATRICK FOR UNITED STATES CONGRESS	REED FOR US SENATE 2008 INC	STRATEN FOR CONGRESS INC
C00393041	C00446641	2040 C00317842	C00449629	C00449231
2038	2039	2040	2041	2042

### BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)
Reason To Believe Recommendation -	í
2008 12 Day Pre-General	Ś
Report(Unauthorized Quarterly Filers) and	<b>`</b>
30 Day Post-General Report	Ś
(Unauthorized/Authorized Filers) for the	í
Administrative Fine Program (2008 Pre-	Ś
General) (UNAUTH):	í
COOPER INDUSTRIES POLITICAL	) AF# 1965
ACTION COMMITTEE, and JOHNSON,	)
TYLER W MR. as treasurer;	Ś
RIGHT TRACK PAC, and HAL	) AF# 1987
HYNEMAN as treasurer,	j
A DUDA & SONS, INC. POLITICAL	) AF# 1956
ACTION COMMITTEE, and TRACY	j
DUDA CHAPMAN as treasurer;	)
AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL	) AF# 1957
INSTITUTE POLITICAL ACTION	)
COMMITTEE (STEEL PAC), and	)
GIBSON, THOMAS as treasurer;	)
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL	) AF# 1958
LABORATORY SCIENCE POLITICAL	)
ACTION COMMITTEE (FKA	)
ASMT/PAC), and LINDA HICKOK as	)
treasurer;	)
AON CORPORATION POLITICAL	) AF# 1959
ACTION COMMITTEE, and HAGY,	)
PAUL as treasurer;	)
BAKERY CONFECTIONERY TOBACCO	) AF# 1960
WKRS & GRAIN MILLERS INT'L	)
UNION LOCAL 19 POL ORG 'BCTGM',	)
and EDWARD, THOMAS as treasurer;	)
BIKES BELONG COALITION, LTD.	) AF# 1962
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and	)
GARY SJOQUIST as treasurer;	<u>)</u>

Federal Election Commission Certification for Administrative Fines March 31, 2009	
BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and DEMBY, STEVEN as treasurer:	) AF# 1963 ) )
CALUMET PAC, and TERRENCE BRONOWSKI as treasurer;	) AF# 1964
DADE COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 1403 PAC, and DEL CUETO,	) AF# 1966 )
JOAQUIN as treasurer; ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATIONS OF MISSISSIPPI ACTION COMMITTEE FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION, and CALLAHAN, MICHAEL - MR. as treasurer;	) AF# 1967 ) ) )
HOMECARE & HOSPICE PAC, and CONSTANT, RUTH L as treasurer;	) AF# 1969 )
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 68 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and JOHN LOMBARDO as treasurer;	) AF# 1970 )
ITC HOLDINGS CORP. PAC, and JINKS, ANNE as treasurer;	) AF# I971
KELLY SERVICES INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (KELLYPAC), and JAMES D MCINTIRE as treasurer;	) AF# 1972 ) )
LOUISIANA REFORM PAC, and SCHMIDT, JOHN C as treasurer;	) AF# 1974
MAYNARD COOPER AND GALE PC PAC, and EDWARD A HOSP as treasurer;	) AP# 1975
METAL LATHERS LOCAL 46 PAC, and ROBERT LEDWITH as treasurer;	) AF# 1976
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE	) ) AF# 1977 \
PROPERTIES, DEVELOPMENT PAC (NAIOP-PAC), and ELIZABETH R	)
GREENE as treasurer;	)

NATIONAL RURAL LETTER		AF# 1978
CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION POLITICAL		
ACTION COMMITTEE, and VILARDO,		
ANTHONY MR. as treasurer;		
NORTEL POLITICAL ACTION	)	AF# 1979
COMMITTEE, and MARY JO DORR as	j	
treasurer;	)	
NORTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU	Ś	AF# 1980
FEDERATION INC POL ACT CMTE INC	)	_
(AKA) NC FARM BUREAU FARMPAC,	j.	
and PHILPOTT, H. JUI LAN JR. as	)	
treasurer;	Ś	
PLASTERERS' AND CEMENT MASONS'	j	AF# 1981
ACTION COMMITTEE, and HURD,	)	
EARL F as treasurer;	ĺ	
PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION	Ó	AF# 1982
INC. PCA PAC, and RICHARD C.	j	
CREIGHTON MR. as treasurer;	)	
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW	)	AF# 1983
MEXICO RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS	)	
GROUP, and SATEGNA, THOMAS MR.	)	
as treasurer;	)	
REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION	)	AF# 1984
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and	)	
BEAR, VIRGINIA as treasurer;	)	
RETAIL, WHOLESALE &	)	AF# 1985
DEPARTMENT STORE UNION	)	
COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL	)	
EDUCATION (RWDSU COPE), and	)	
STUART H APPELBAUM as treasurer;	)	
RICELAND FOODS, INC. PAC, and	)	AF# 1986
REED, BILL J. as treasurer;	)	
SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR SURGERY	)	AF# 1988
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and	)	
ROBERT ZWOLAK DR. as treasurer;	)	
SOCIETY OF INDEPENDENT	)	<b>AF</b> # 1989
GASOLINE MARKETERS OF AMERICA	)	
PAC, and ELAINE TALBOTT as treasurer;	)	
ST. LOUISANS FOR BETTER	)	AF# 1990
GOVERNMENT, and SANDMEL,	)	
SHELDON as treasurer:	)	

THE ASCAP LEGISLATIVE FUND FOR	)	AF# 1992
THE ARTS, and BOLTERSDORF, SUSAN	)	
as treasurer;	)	
UNITED EMP PAC, CENTRAL	)	AF# 1993
LOUISIANA ELECTRIC CO. INC., and	)	
MELISSA LOHMAN as treasurer;	)	
ZURICH HOLDING COMPANY OF	)	AF# 1994
AMERICA COMMITTEE FOR GOOD	)	
GOVERNMENT (Z-PAC), and	)	
BRADLEY, THOMAS A as treasurer;	)	

### **CERTIFICATION**

l, Mary W. Dove, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on March 31, 2009 the Commission took the following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation – 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report(Unauthorized Quarterly Filers) and 30 Day Post-General Report (Unanthorized/Authorized Filers) for the Administrative Fine Program (2008 Pre-General) (UNAUTH) as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated March 30, 2009, on the following committees:

AF#1965 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COOPER INDUSTRIES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and JOHNSON, TYLER W MR. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1987 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that RIGHT TRACK PAC, and HAL HYNEMAN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1956 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that A DUDA & SONS, INC. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and TRACY DUDA CHAPMAN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1957 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (STEEL PAC), and GIBSON, THOMAS as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1958 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (FKA ASMT/PAC), and LINDA HICKOK as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Waltber, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1959 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AON CORPORATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and HAGY, PAUL as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1960 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (I) find reason to believe that BAKERY CONFECTIONERY TOBACCO WKRS & GRAIN MILLERS INT'L UNION LOCAL 19 POL ORG 'BCTGM', and EDWARD, THOMAS as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1963 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and DEMBY, STEVEN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1964 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CALUMET PAC, and TERRENCE BRONOWSKI as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1966 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that DADE COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 1403 PAC, and DEL CUETO, JOAQUIN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1967 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATIONS OF MISSISSIPPI ACTION COMMITTEE FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION, and CALLAHAN, MICHAEL - MR. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn 11, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1970 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 68 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and JOHN LOMBARDO as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1971 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that ITC HOLDINGS CORP. PAC, and JINKS, ANNE as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1972 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that KELLY SERVICES INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (KELLYPAC), and JAMES D MCINTIRE as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1974 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that LOUISIANA REFORM PAC, and SCHMIDT, JOHN C as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1975 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that MAYNARD COOPER AND GALE PC PAC, and EDWARD A HOSP as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil moncy penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1976 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that METAL LATHERS LOCAL 46 PAC, and ROBERT LEDWITH as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly,

Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1977 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to helieve that NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE PROPERTIES, DEVELOPMENT PAC (NAIOP-PAC), and ELIZABETH R GREENE as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1978 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NATIONAL RURAL LETTER CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and VILARDO, ANTHONY MR. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1979 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NORTEL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and MARY JO DORR as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintrauh voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1980 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NORTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION INC POL ACT CMTE INC (AKA) NC FARM BUREAU FARMPAC, and PHILPOTT, H. JULIAN JR. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1981 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PLASTERERS' AND CEMENT MASONS' ACTION COMMITTEE, and HURD, EARL F as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1982 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION INC. PCA PAC, and RICHARD C. CREIGHTON MR. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1983 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS GROUP, and SATEGNA, THOMAS MR. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the eivil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1984 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and BEAR, VIRGINIA as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1985 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that RETAIL, WHOLESALE & DEPARTMENT STORE UNION COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION (RWDSU COPE), and STUART H APPELBAUM as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGalm II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1986 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that RICELAND FOODS, INC. PAC, and REED, BILL J. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1988 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to helieve that SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR SURGERY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and ROBERT ZWOLAK DR. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, MeGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1989 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that SOCIETY OF INDEPENDENT GASOLINE MARKETERS OF AMERICA PAC, and ELAINE TALBOTT as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1990 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that ST. LOUISANS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT, and SANDMEL, SHELDON as treasurer

violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1992 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that THE ASCAP LEGISLATIVE FUND FOR THE ARTS, and BOLTERSDORF, SUSAN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1993 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that UNITED EMP PAC, CENTRAL LOUISIANA ELECTRIC CO. INC., and MELISSA LOHMAN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#1994 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that ZURICH HOLDING COMPANY OF AMERICA COMMITTEE FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT (Z-PAC), and BRADLEY, THOMAS A as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

March 31, 2009

Mary W. Dove

Secretary of the Commission



April 6, 2009

Mr. Anthony Vilardo as Treasurer National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee 1630 Duke Street, 4th Floor Alexandria, VA 22314

C00072025 AF#: 1978

Dear Mr. Vilardo:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a 12 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Disbursements in a calendar year during which there is a regularly scheduled election if your committee makes a contribution to or expenditure on behalf of a candidate in the general election. This report, covering the period through October 15, 2008, shall be filed no later than October 23, 2008. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). Because records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this activity was not disclosed prior to four (4) days before the General Election held on November 4, 2008, the report is considered not filed for the purpose of calculating the civil money penalty.

The Act was amended in 1999 to permit the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4). On March 31, 2009, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and you as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before October 23, 2008. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$900. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.30-11.46. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. 11 C.F.R. § 111.34. Your payment is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by May 10, 2009, and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$14,977 Number of Days Late: Not Filed

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

### To Pay the Calculated Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

### To Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Calculated Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found on page one, to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or May 10, 2009. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(a).. Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty. The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on a factual error in the RTB finding; miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to, a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite you seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources: a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to, negligence; delays caused by vendors or contractors; treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; committee computer, software, or internet service provider failures; failure to know filing dates; and failure to use filing software properly. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(d). Your response must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(c).

Pursuant to the Commission's regulations, the "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 C.F.R. § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

### If You Do Not Pay the Calculated Civil Money Penalty or Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty or submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and you as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA") as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 C.F.R. § 111.45.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Rhiannon Magruder in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Steven Swatter

Steven T. Walther

Chairman

### **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$900 for the 2008 Pre-General Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

**Federal Election Commission** P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by May 10, 2009. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

### PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

### PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee

FEC ID#: C00072025

AF#: 1978

PAYMENT DUE DATE: May 10, 2009

**PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$900** 

§ 111.33 What are the respondent's choices upon receiving the reason to believe finding and the proposed civil money penalty?

The respondent must either send payment in the amount of the proposed civil money penalty pursuant to 11 CFR 111.34 or submit a written response pursuant to 11 CFR 111.35.

- pay the civil money penalty and not to challenge the reason to believe finding, what should the respond-ent do? § 111.34 If the respondent decides to
- (a) The respondent shall transmit payment in the amount of the civil money penalty to the Commission within forty (40) days of the Commission's reason to believe finding.
- (b) Upon receipt of the respondent's payment, the Commission shall send the respondent a final determination that the respondent has violated the statute or regulations and the amount of the civil money penalty and an acknowledgment of the respondent's payment
- § 111.35 If the respondent decides to challenge the alleged violation or proposed civil money pensity, what should the respondent do?
- (a) To challenge a reason to believe finding or proposed civil money penalty, the respondent must submit a written response to the Commission within forty (40) days of the Commission's reason to believe finding.

(b) The respondent's written response must assert at least one of the following grounds for challenging the reason to believe finding or proposed civil

- money penalty:
  (1) The Commission's reason to believe finding is based on a factual error including, but not limited to, the committee was not required to file the report, or the committee timely filed the report in accordance with 11 CFR
- (2) The Commission improperly calculated the civil money penalty; or
  (3) The respondent used best efforts

to file in a timely manner in that:

(i) The respondent was prevented from filing in a timely manner by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond the control of the respondent: and

- (ii) The respondent filed no later than 24 hours after the end of these circumstances.
- (c) Circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond the control of respondent include. but are not limited to:
- (i) A failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite the respondent seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources;
- (2) A widespread disruption of information transmissions over the internet not caused by any failure of the Commission's or respondent's computer systems or Internet service provider: and
- (3) Severe weather or other disasterrelated incident.
- (d) Circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond the control of respondent include, but are not limited to:

(1) Negligence;

- (2) Delays caused by committee vendors or contractors:
- (3) Illness, inexperience, or unavailability of the treasurer or other staff:
- (4) Committee computer, software or Internet service provider failures;
- (5) A committee's failure to know filing dates; and
- (6) A committee's failure to use filing software properly.
- (e) Respondent's written response must detail the factual basis supporting its challenge and include supporting documentation.

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### \$111.86 Who will review the respondent's written response?

- (a) A reviewing officer shall review the respondent's written response. The reviewing officer shall be a person who has not been involved in the reason to believe finding.
- (b) The reviewing officer shall review the reason to believe finding with supporting documentation and the re-spondent's written response with supporting documentation. The reviewing officer may request supplemental information from the respondent and/or the Commission staff. The respondent shall submit the supplemental information to the reviewing officer within

a time specified by the reviewing officer. The reviewing officer will be entitled to draw an adverse inference from the failure by the respondent to submit the supplemental information.

(c) All documents required to be submitted by the respondents pursuant to this section and § III.35 should be submitted in the form of affidavits or dec-

larations.

(d) If the Commission staff, after the respondent files a written response pursuant to \$111.35, forwards any additional documents pertaining to the matter to the reviewing officer for her examination, the reviewing officer shall also furnish a copy of the document(s) to the respondents.

(e) Upon completion of the review. the reviewing officer shall forward a written recommendation to the Commission along with all documents required under this section and II CFR

111.32 and 111.35.

(f) The reviewing office shall also forward a copy of the recommendation to the respondent. The respondent may file with the Commission Secretary a written response to the recommendation within ten (10) days of transmittal of the recommendation. This response may not raise any arguments not raised in the respondent's original written response or not directly responsive to the reviewing officer's recommendation.

### §111.37 What will the Commission do once it receives the respondent's written response and the reviewing officer's recommendation?

(a) If the Commission, after having found reason to believe and after reviewing the respondent's written response and the reviewing officer's recommendation, determines by an affirmative vote of at least four (4) of its members, that the respondent has violated 2 U.S.C. 414(a) and the amount of the civil money penalty, the Commission shall authorize the reviewing officer to notify the respondent by letter of its final determination.

(b) If the Commission, after reviewing the reason to believe finding, the respondent's written response, and the reviewing officer's written recommendation, determines by an affirmative vote of at least four (4) of its

members. that no violation has occurred (either because the Commission had based its reason to believe finding on a factual error or because the respondent used best efforts to file in a timely manner) or otherwise terminates its proceedings, the Commission shall authorize the reviewing officer to notify the respondent by letter of its final determination.

(c) The Commission will modify the proposed civil money penalty only if the respondent is able to demonstrate that the amount of the proposed civil money penalty was calculated on an incorrect basis.

(d) When the Commission makes a final determination under this section, the statement of reasons for the Commission action will, unless otherwise indicated by the Commission, consist of the reasons provided by the reviewing officer for the recommendation, if approved by the Commission, although statements setting forth additional or different reasons may also be issued. If the reviewing officer's recommendation is modified or not approved, the Commission will indicate the grounds for its action and one or more statements of reasons may be issued.

[65 FR 31794, May 19, 2000, as amended at 72 FR 14668, Mar. 29, 2007]

### § 111.38 Can the respondent appeal the Commission's final determination?

Yes; within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Commission's final determination under II CFR 111.37; the respondent may submit a written petition to the district court of the United States for the district in which the respondent resides...or transacts business, requesting that the final determination be modified or set aside. The respondent's failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver of the respondent's right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 2 U.S.C. 437g.

### § 111.39 When must the respondent pay the civil money penalty?

(a) If the respondent does not submit a written petition to the district court of the United States, the respondent must remit payment of the civil money penalty within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Commission's final determination under 11 CFR 111.37.

(b) If the respondent submits a written petition to the district court of the United States and, upon the final disposition of the civil action, is required to pay a civil money penalty, the respondent shall remit payment of the civil money penalty to the Commission within thirty (30) days of the final disposition of the civil action. The final disposition may consist of a judicial decision which is not reviewed by a higher court.

(c) Failure to pay the civil money penalty may result in the commencement of collection action under 31 U.S.C. 3701 et seq. (1996), or a civil suit pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(6)(A), or any other legal action deemed nec-

essary by the Commission.

- \$111.40 What happens if the respondent does not pay the civil money penalty pursuant to 11 CFR 111.34 and does not submit a written response to the reason to believe finding pursuant to 11 CFR 111.35?
- (a) If the Commission, after the respondent has failed to pay the civil money penalty and has failed to submit a written response, determines by an affirmative vote of at least four (4) of its members that the respondent has violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and determines the amount of the civil money penalty, the respondent shall be notified by letter of its final determination.
- (b) The respondent shall transmit payment of the civil money penalty to the Commission within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Commission's fihal determination.
- (c) Failure to pay the civil money penalty may result in the commencement of collection action under 31 U.S.C. 3701 et seq. (1996), or a civil suit pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(6)(A), or any other legal action deemed necessary by the Commission.
- § 111.41 To whom should the civil money penalty payment be made payable?

Payment of civil money penalties shall be made in the form of a check or

money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission.

- § 111.42 Will the enforcement file be made available to the public?
- (a) Yes; the Commission shall make the enforcement file available to the public.
- (b) If neither the Commission nor the respondent commences a civil action, the Commission shall make the enforcement file available to the public pursuant to 11 CFR 4.4(a)(3).
- (c) If a civil action is commenced, the Commission shall make the enforcement file available pursuant to 11 CFR 111.20(c).

### § 111.43 What are the schedules of penalties?

- (a) The civil money penalty for all reports that are filed late or not filed, except election sensitive reports and pre-election reports under 11 CFR 104.5, shall be calculated as follows:
- (1) For reports due before April 16, 2003:
- (i) Level of activity means the total amount of receipts and disbursements for the period covered by the late report. If the report is not filed, the level of activity is the estimated level of activity as set forth in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section.
- (ii) Estimated level of activity means total receipts and disbursements reported in the current two-year election cycle divided by the number of reports filed to date covering the activity in the current two-year election cycle. If the respondent has not filed a report covering activity in the current two-year election cycle, estimated level of activity means total receipts and disbursements reported in the prior two-year election cycle divided by the number of reports filed covering the activity in the prior two-year election cycle.

(iii) The civil money penalty shall be calculated in accordance with the following schedule:

If the level of activity in the report was:	And the report was filed late, the civil money penalty is:	Or the report was not filed, the civil money penalty is:
\$1-24,999.99	[\$100 + (\$25 × Number of days late)] × [1 (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	+\$900 × [1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)
\$25,000-49,999.99	(\$200 • (\$50 × Number of days late)) × (1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$1800 x [1 + (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations)]
\$50,000-74,999.99	(\$300 • (\$75 × Number of days fate)) × [1 • ( 25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$2700 x (1 + (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations))
\$75,000-89,999.99	[\$400 + (\$100 × Number of days (ate)] × (1 • (.25 × Number of previous volations)).	\$3500 × [1 • (.25 × Number of pre-
\$100,000-149,999.99	(\$600 • (\$125 × Number of days tate)) × (1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$4500 × [1 + (.25 × Number of pre-
\$150,000-199,999.99	(\$800 + (\$150 x Number of days tate)) x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)).	\$5500 × [1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)/
\$200,000-249,999.99	[\$1,000 + (\$175 × Number of days late)] × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$6500 × [1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)]
\$250,000-349,999.99	(\$1500 • (\$200 × Number of days late); × (1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$8000 × [1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)!
\$350,000-449,999.99	[\$2000 • (\$200 × Number of days late); × [1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations).	\$9000 × (1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations))
\$450,000-549,999.99	[\$2500 • (\$200 × Number of days late)] × (1 • [.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$9500 × [1 • (.25 × Number of pre-
\$550,000-649,999.99	(\$3000 • (\$200 × Number of days lets); × (1 • 1,25 × Number of previous violations)!	\$10,000 × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)!
\$650,000-749,999.99	(\$3500 • (\$200 # Number of days lete)) × (1 • (.25 # Number of previous violations)).	\$10,500 × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)
\$750,000-849,999.99	(\$4000 * (\$200 × Number of days tate)) × [1 * (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$11,000 × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)]
\$850,000-949,999.99	[\$4500 • (\$200 × Number of days late)] × [1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$11,500 × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations.)
\$950,000 or over	[\$\$000 + (\$200 × Number of days late)] × [1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$12,000 × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations))

<sup>&</sup>quot;The civil money penalty for a respondent who does not have any previous violations will not exceed the level of activity in the report.

- (2) For reports due on or after April 16, 2003:
  - (I) Level of activity means:
- (A) For an authorized committee, the total amount of receipts and disbursements for the period covered by the late report. If the report is not filed, the level of activity is the estimated level of activity as set forth in paragraph (a)(2)(ii)(A) of this section.
- (B) For an unauthorized committee, the total amount of receipts and disbursements for the period covered by the late report minus the total of: transfers received from non-Federal account(s) as reported on Line 18(a) of FEC Form 3X and disbursements for the non-Federal share of operating expenditures attributable to allocated Federal/non-Federal activity as reported on Line 21(a)(ii) of FEC Form 3X for the period covered by the late report. If the report is not filed, the level of activity as set forth in paragraph (a)(2)(ii)(B) of this section.
  - (ii) Estimated level of activity means:
- (A) For an authorized committee, total receipts and disbursements re-

ported in the current two-year election cycle divided by the number of reports filed to date covering the activity in the current two-year election cycle. If the respondent has not filed a report covering activity in the current two-year election cycle, estimated level of activity for an authorized committee means total receipts and disbursements reported in the prior two-year election cycle divided by the number of reports filed covering the activity in the prior two-year election-cycle.

(B)(I) For an unauthorized committee, estimated level of activity is calculated as follows: [(Total receipts and disbursements reported in the current two-year cycle)—(Transfers received from non-Federal account(s) as reported on either Line 18(a) of FEC Form 3X or Line 18 of FEC Form 3X if before March 1, 2003 + Disbursements for the non-Federal share of operating expenditures attributable to allocated Federal/non-Federal activity as Reported on Line 21(a)(ii) of FEC Form 3X()] + Number of reports filed to date covering the activity in the current two-year election cycle.

(2) If the unauthorized committee has not filed a report covering activity in the current two-year election cycle, the estimated level of activity is calculated as follows: [[Total receipts and disbursements reported in the prior two-year election cycle)—(Transfers received from non-Federal account(s) as reported on either Line 18(a) of FEC Form 3X or Line 18 of FEC Form 3X if before March 1, 2003 + Disbursements

for the non-Federal Share of operating expenditures attributable to allocated Federal/non-Federal activity as reported on Line 21(a)(ii) of FEC Form 3X)] + Number of reports filed covering the activity in the prior two-year election cycle.

(iil) The civil money penalty shall be calculated in accordance with the following schedule:

if the level of activity in the report was:	And the report was filed late, the civil money penalty is:	Or the report was not filed, the civil money penalty is:
\$1-4,999.99 •	[\$25 • (\$5 × Number of days late)] × [1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$250 × [1 * (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)
\$5,000-0,999.99	(\$50 + (\$5 x Number of days tate)) x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)).	\$300 x [1 * (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations)
\$10,000-24,999.99	[\$100 + (\$5 × Number of days tale)) × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$500 × [1 * (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)
\$25,000-49,999.99	[\$200 + (\$20 × Number of days late)] × [1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$900 × (1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)
\$50,000-74,999.99	(\$300 • (\$75 × Number of days late)) × [1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$2700 x [1 * (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations);
\$75,000-69,999.99	(\$400 + (\$100 × Number of days tate)) x [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$3500 x [1 * (.25 x Number of pre- vious vigistions)]
\$100,000-149,999.99	(\$600 • (\$125 × Number of days tate)) × {1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations).	\$4500 x [1 + (.25 x Number of pre- vious vigistions)]
\$150,000-199,999.89	(\$800 • (\$150 × Number of days tate)) × (1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$5500 x [1 + (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations)]
\$200,000-249,999.99	(\$1,000 + (\$175 x Number of days tale); x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)).	\$6500 x (1 * (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations))
\$250,000-349,999.99	(\$1500 + (\$200 × Number of days lete)) × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$8000 x [1 + (.25 x Number of pre- vious vigitations)]
\$350,000-449,999.99	[\$2000 + (\$200 × Number of days lele)] × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$9000 x (1 + (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations))
\$450,000-649,999.99	(\$2500 + (\$200 × Number of days isle)) × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$9500 × (1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)
\$550,000-649,999.99	[\$3000 + (\$200 × Number of days lefe)] × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$10,000 x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)
\$650,000-749,999.99	(53500 + (5200 × Number of days lefe)) × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$10,500 x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations))
\$750,000-849,999.99	[34000 + (\$200 × Number of days late)) × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$11,000 x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)
\$650,000-849,999.00	[\$4500 + (\$200 × Number of days lete)] × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$11,500 x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)
\$950,000 or over	(\$5000 + (\$200 × Number of days lets)) × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$12,000 x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations))

<sup>\*</sup>The civil money penalty for a respondent who does not have any previous violations will not exceed the level of activity in the

- (b) The civil money penalty for election sensitive reports that are filed late or not filed shall be calculated as follows:
- (1) For reports due before April 16, 2003:
- (i) Level of activity has the same meaning as paragraph (a)(i)(i) of this section.
- (ii) Estimated level of activity has the same meaning as paragraph (a)(i)(ii) of this section.
- (iii) The civil money penalty shall be calculated in accordance with the following schedule:

If the level of activity in the report	And the report was filed late, the civil money penalty is:	Or the report was not filed, the civil money penalty is:
51-24,999.99	[\$150 + (\$25 × Mumber of days late)] × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$1000 × [1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)

If the level of activity in the report was:	And the report was filed late, the civil money penalty is:	Or the report was not filed, the civil
\$25,000-49,999.99	(\$300 + (\$50 × Number of days (ste)) × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$2000 × [1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)]
\$50,000-74,999.99	[\$450 + (\$75 × Number of days late)] × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$3000 x [1 + (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations)]
\$75,000-99,999.99	(\$500 + (\$100 × Number of days late)) × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$4000 x [1 + (.25 x Number of pre vious violations)!
\$100,000-149,999.99	(\$900 + (\$125 x Number of days (ata)) x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)).	\$5000 x [1 + (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations)]
\$150,000-199,999.99	[\$1200 + (\$150 × Number of days ista)] × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$6000 × (1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations);
\$200,000-249,999.99	(51500 + (5175 x Number of days late)) x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)).	\$7500 x {1 + (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations)}
\$250,000-349,999 99	(\$2250 + (\$200 x Number of days lete)) x [1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations))	\$9000 × (1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)
\$350,000-449,999.99	[\$3000 + (\$200 x Number of days late)] x [1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)].	\$10,000 × [1 + (.25 × Number of grevious violations)]
\$450,000-549,999.99	(\$3750 + (\$200 × Number of days late)) × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$11,000 × [1 + (.25 × Number elevious violations)]
\$550,000-649,999.99		\$12,000 x [1 + (.25 x Number of
\$650,000-749,999.99	(\$5250 * (\$200 x Number of days late)) x [1 * (.25 x Number of previous violations)].	\$13,000 x {1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)
\$750,000-649,999.99	(£5000 + (\$200 × Number of days late)) × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$14,000 x {1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)!
\$850,000-949,999.99	(\$6750 + (\$200 × Number of days late)  × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$15,000 x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)
\$950,000 or over	(\$7500 + (\$200 × Number of days iste)  x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations) .	\$16,000 x [1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)]

<sup>\*</sup>The civil money penetty for a respondent who does not have any previous violations will not exceed the level of activity in the report.

- (2) For reports due on or after April 16, 2003:
  (i) Level of activity has the same meaning as paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section.
- (ii) Estimated level of activity has the same meaning as paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section.

  (iii) The civil money penalty shall be calculated in accordance with the following schedule:

If the level of activity in the report was:	And the report was filed late, the civil money penalty is:	Or the report was not filed, the civil money penalty is:
\$1-\$4,999.98*	(\$50 + (\$10 × Number of days late)) × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$500 × [1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)].
\$5,000-\$9,999.99	(\$100 + (\$10 × Number of days lete)) × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$600 × [1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)].
\$10,000-24,999.99	(\$150 + (\$10 x Number of days late)) x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)).	\$900 × (1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations).
\$25,000-49,999.99	(\$300 + (\$25 x Number of days tale)) x (1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)).	\$1,400 x [1 + (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations).
\$50,000-74,999.99	[\$450 + (\$76 x Number of days tale)] x [1 * (.25 x Number of previous violations)].	\$3000 × [1 + (.25 × Number of pre- vious violations)].
\$75,000 <del>-00,00</del> 9.99	(\$600 + (\$100 × Number of days into)) × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$4000 x [1 + (.25 x Humber of pre- vious violational).
\$100,000-149,999.99	(\$800 + (\$125 x Humber of days lets)) x [1 + (.25 x Humber of previous violations)].	\$5000 x (1 + (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations)).
\$150,000-199,999.99	(\$1200 • (\$150 × Number of days fale)) × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$6000 × [1 + (,25 × Number of pre- vious violations).
\$200,000-249,999.99	[\$1500 + (\$175 × Number of days isle)] × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)).	\$7500 × [1 + (,25 × Number of pre- vious violetions).
\$250,000-349,999.99	(\$2250 + (\$200 × Number of days late)  × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations) .	\$9000 x [1 * (.25 x Number of pre- vious violations)].
\$350,000-449,999.99	[33000 + (\$200 × Number of days inte)] × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$10,000 × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].
\$450,000-549,999.99	(33750 + (\$200 × Number of days late)) × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$11,000 × (1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)).
\$550,000-649,899.99	(35 × Number of days isle)) × (1 + (.25 × Number of gravious violations)).	\$12,000 × (1 + (.25 × Number of
\$650,000-749,999.99	(25 x Number of previous viciniting).  [\$5250 + (\$200 × Number of days late)] × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous vicinitions)].	\$13,000 × (1 + (.25 × Humber of previous violations)).

If the level of activity in the report was:	And the report was filed late, the civil money penalty is:	Or the report was not filed, the civil money penalty is:
\$750,000-849,999.99	[\$6000 + (\$200 × Number of days late)] × {1 + (.25 × Number of previous valations)}.	\$14,000 × [1 + (25 × Number of previous violations)].
\$850,000-949,999.99	[\$6750 • (\$200 × Number of days late)] × (1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$15,000 x [1 + (.25 x Number of previous violations)].
\$950,000 or over	[\$7500 + (\$200 × Number of days late)] × [1 + (.25 × Number of previous violations)].	\$15,000 × [1 • (.25 × Number of previous violations)].

<sup>\*</sup>The civil money penalty for a respondent who does not have any previous violations will not exceed the level of activity in the

(c) If the respondent falls to file a required report and the Commission cannot calculate the level of activity under paragraph (d) of this section, then the civil money penalty shall be \$5.500.

(d) Definitions. For this section only, the following definitions will apply:

Election Sensitive Reports means third quarter reports due on October 15th before the general election (for all committees required to file this report except committees of candidates who do not participate in that general election); monthly reports due October 20th before the general election (for all committees required to file this report except committees of candidates who do not participate in that general election); and pre-election reports for primary, general, and special elections under 11 CFR 104.5.

Number of previous violations mean all prior final civil money penalties assessed under this subpart during the current two-year election cycle and the prior two-year election cycle.

(e) For purposes of the schedules of penalties in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section,

(i) Reports that are not election sensitive reports are considered to be filed late if they are filed after their due dates but within thirty (30) days of their due dates. These reports are considered to be not filed if they are filed after thirty (30) days of their due dates or not filed at all.

(2) Election sensitive reports are considered to be filed late if they are filed after their due dates but prior to four (4) days before the primary election for pre-primary reports, prior to four (4) days before the special election for prespecial election reports, or prior to four (4) days before the general election for all other election sensitive reports. These reports are considered to

be not filed if they are not filed prior to four (4) days before the primary election for pre-primary reports, prior to four (4) days before the special election for pre-special election reports or prior to four (4) days before the general election for all other election sensitive reports.

[65 FR 31794, May 19, 2000, as amended at 68 FR 12577, Mar. 17, 2003; 70 FR 34636, June 15, 20051

### §111.44 What is the schedule of penalties for 48-hour notices that are not filed or are filed late?

(a) If the respondent fails to file timely a notice regarding contribution(s) received after the 20th day but more than 48 hours before the election as required under 2 U.S.C. 434(a)(6), the civil money penalty will be calculated as follows:

(i) Civil money penalty = \$110 + (.10 × amount of the contribution(s) not timely reported).

(2) The civil money penalty calculated in paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall be increased by twenty-five percent (25%) for each prior violation.

(b) For purposes of this section, prior violation means a civil money penalty that has been assessed against the respondent under this subpart in the current two-year election cycle or the prior two-year election cycle.

[65 FR 31794, May 19, 2000, as amended at 70 FR 34636, June 15, 2005]

### § 111.45 What actions will be taken to collect unpaid civil money penalties?

The Commission may take any and all appropriate collection actions authorized and required by the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 3701 et. seq.). The U.S.

Department of the Treasury regulations at 31 CFR 285.2, 285.4, and 285.7 and the Federal Claims Collection Standards issued jointly by the Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of the Treasury at 31 CFR parts 900 through 904 also apply.

(65 FR 31794, May 19, 2000, as amended at 68 FR 12580, Mar. 17, 2003; 68 FR 16715, Apr. 7,

§ 111.46 How will the respondent be notified of actions taken by the Commission and the reviewing offi-

If a statement designating counsel has been filed in accordance with 11 CFR 111.23, all notifications and other communications to a respondent provided for in subpart B of this part will be sent to designated counsel. If a statement designating counsel has not been filed, all notifications and other communications to a respondent provided for in subpart B of this part will be sent to respondent political committee and its treasurer at the political committee's address as listed in the most recent Statement of Organization, or amendment thereto, filed with the Commission in accordance with 11 CFR 102.2.

[68 FR 12580, Mar. 17, 2003]

### PART 112—ADVISORY OPINIONS (2 U.S.C. 437f)

112.1 Requests for advisory opinions (2 U.S.C. 437f(a)(1)).

112.2 Public evallability of requests (2 U.S.C. 437f(d)).

112.3 Written comments on requests (2 U.S.C. 437f(d)).

Issuance of advisory opinions (2 U.S.C. 437f (a) and (b)).

112.5 Reliance on advisory opinions (2 U.S.C. 437f(c)).

112.6 Reconsideration of advisory opinions. AUTHORITY: 2 U.S.C. 437f, 438(a) (8).

SOURCE: 45 FR 15123, Mar. 7, 1980, unless otherwise noted.

### § 112.1 Requests for advisory opinions (2 U.S.C. 437f(a)(1)).

(a) Any person may request in writing an advisory opinion concerning the application of the Act, chapters 95 or 96 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or

any regulation prescribed by the Commission. An authorized agent of the requesting person may submit the advisory opinion request, but the agent shall disclose the identity of his or her orincipal.

(b) The written advisory opinion request shall set forth a specific transaction or activity that the requesting person plans to undertake or is presently undertaking and intends to undertake in the future. Requests presenting a general question of interpretation, or posing a hypothetical situation, or regarding the activities of third parties, do not qualify as advisory opinion requests.

(c) Advisory opinion requests shall include a complete description of all facts relevant to the specific transaction or activity with respect to which the request is made.

(d) The Office of General Counsel shall review all requests for advisory opinions submitted under 11 CFR 112.1. If the Office of General Counsel determines that a request for an advisory opinion is incomplete or otherwise not qualified under 11 CFR 112.1, it shall, within 10 calendar days of receipt of such request, notify the requesting person and specify the deficiencies in the request.

(e) Advisory opinion requests should be sent to the Federal Election Commission, Office of General Counsel, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463.

(f) Upon receipt by the Commission. each request which qualifles as an advisory opinion request (AOR) under 11 CFR 112.1 shall be assigned an AOR number for reference purposes.

(45 FR 15123, Mar. 7, 1980, as amended at 50 FR 50778, Dec. 12, 1985]

### \$112.2 Public availability of requests (2 U.S.C. 437f(d)).

(a) Advisory opinion requests which qualify under 11 CFR 112.1 shall be made public at the Commission promptly upon their receipt.

(b) A copy of the original request and any supplements thereto, shall be available for public inspection and purchase at the Public Disclosure Division of the Commission.

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1630 Duke Street

Mr. Steven T. Walther, Chairman Federal Election Commission Office of Administrative Review 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

Subject: AF# 1978, FEC ID # C00072025

Dear Mr. Walther:

The National Rural Letter Carriers' Political Action Committee contends that it has been unjustly levied with a fine for violating 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) by failing to file timely our 12 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Disbursements.

Our records indicate that on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 2:37 PM (as seen in enclosure 1) the report was filed, which is before the filing deadline. Thus we are not negligent in filing the report. An email confirmation from the Commission, which in appearance did not differ from a normal confirmation, was received and filed on the same date.

We do however admit to using an incorrect close of the period date. Our closing date was listed as October 23, 2008 which, if anything, provided the Commission more information than was required. When realized, before intervention from the FEC, we re-filed on November 13, 2008 with the correct period end date.

Our error was not in "failing to file timely this report [12 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Disbursement] on or before October 23, 2008." It was with a factual error, in which our intent was not to conceal any information nor deceive the commission. Rather we provided the Commission with more information than was necessary.

We look forward to your response to our appeal of AF# 1978, and the clearing of our good name from any improprieties.

Sincerely

Anthony Vilardo

**Treasurer** 

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### **Anthony Vilardo**

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FEC Filing Server [http\_db@sdrdc.com] Thursday, October 23, 2008 2:37 PM

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**FEC Electronic Filing Results** 

DISCLOSE -- FEC Electronic Filing System Notice -- FILING COULD NOT BE PROCESSED!

This is to inform you of the failure of your electronic filing via the DISCLOSE protocol.

Your filing was received at 2008-10-23 14:36:30.000.

Thank you for using DISCLOSE.

No not reply to this notice. It is sent from an unattended account that cannot receive email.

Your filing could not be processed for the following reasons:

The 12G report from C00072025 filed on 10/23/2008, could not be processed because an incorrect ending coverage date 10/23/2008 was used for this report.

Please file the report with the correct ending coverage date or contact your campaign finance analyst for assistance at (202) 694-1130 or (800)424-9530 extension 1130.



Via First Class Mail

May 13, 2009

Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee 1630 Duke Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Alexandria, VA 22314

C00072025 AF# 1978

Dear Mr. Vilardo:

On May 11, 2009, the Commission received your written response ("challenge") which is being reviewed by the Office of Administrative Review. If you have any questions regarding your challenge, please contact this Office on our toll free number (800)424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202)694-1660.

Sincerely.

Shawn Woodhead Werth

**Reviewing Officer** 

Office of Administrative Review

**Date:** May 13, 2009

## REFERRAL TO OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CHALLENGE RECEIVED

AF#: 1978

Committee Name: National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee

**Committee ID#:** C00072025

Committee Address (if different than in RTB letter): N/A

Treasurer Name (if different than in RTB finding): N/A

#### Attachments:

Copy of RTB Circulation Report, dated March 30, 2009 and RTB Certification, dated March 31, 2009: Previously Forwarded

Attachment #: N/A

Certified Return Receipt (to be forwarded at later date if not yet received)(Y/N):Y

Attachment #: 1

Telecoms and Visitcoms in Response to RTB Letter (Y/N): N

Attachment #: N/A

Other Relevant Telecoms (Y/N): N

Attachment #: N/A

Original Correspondence Received by RAD in Response to RTB Letter (Y/N): N

Attachment #: N/A

RAD Staff Declaration (Y/N): Y

-2008 Pre-General Report Prior Notice, dated September 29, 2008.

-RTB Letter, dated April 6, 2009.

Attachment #: 2

Other RAD Information: (Y/N): N

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#### **DECLARATION OF NATALIYA IOFFE**

- 1. I am the Chief of the Compliance Branch for the Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Chief of the Compliance Branch, I oversee the initial processing of the Administrative Fine Program. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and, if called upon as a witness, could and would testify competently to the following matters.
- 2. I hereby certify that documents identified herein are true and accurate copies of the following sent by the Commission to National Rural Letter Carriers' Political Action Committee:
  - A) Prior Notice, dated September 29, 2008, referencing the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report (sent via electronic mail to: ktalley@nrlca.org);
  - B) Reason-to-Believe Letter, dated April 6, 2009, referencing the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report.
- 3. I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and find that National Rural Letter Carriers' Political Action Committee filed the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report with the Commission on November 13, 2008.
- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that there are no relevant telecoms for the matter. This declaration was executed at Washington, D.C. on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

Nataliya Ioffe

Chief, Compliance Branch Reports Analysis Division Federal Election Commission

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#### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

#### PARTIES AND PACS

**September 29, 2008** 

#### **CURRENT REPORT DUE**

## I. QUARTERLY FILERS THAT MAKE GENERAL ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 15

REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD <sup>1</sup>	REG/CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
Pre-General <sup>2</sup>	10/01/08 - 10/15/08	10/20/08	10/23/08
Post-General	10/16/08 - 11/24/08	12/04/08	12/04/08

## II. QUARTERLY FILERS THAT <u>DO NOT</u> MAKE GENERAL ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 15<sup>3</sup>

Post-General	10/01/08 - 11/24/08	12/04/08	12/04/08
REPORT	REPORTING PERIOD <sup>1</sup>	REG./CERT, & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE

Supplemental Filing Information available on pages 3 and 4 of this notice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>These dates indicate the beginning and the end of the reporting period. A reporting period always begins the day after the closing date of the last report filed. If the committee is new and has not previously filed a report, the first report must cover all activity that occurred before the committee registered up through the close of books for the first report due.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Required only if committee makes contributions or expenditures in connection with the general election during the reporting period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Committees that made general election contributions or expenditures before October 1 and did not previously report them must also follow Chart I.

### REPORTING SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 2008

#### REPORTING DATES

Year-End	11/25/08 - 12/31/08	01/31/09	01/31/09 <sup>4</sup>
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Notice that this filing deadline falls on a weekend. Filing deadlines are not extended when they fall on nonworking days. Accordingly, reports filed by methods other than Registered, Certified or Overnight Mail, or electronically, must be received before the Commission's (or for committees supporting only Senate candidates, the Secretary of the Senate's) close of business on the last business day before the deadline.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL FILING INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: The Commission provides reminders of upcoming filing dates as a courtesy to help committees comply with the filing deadlines set forth in the Act and Commission regulations. Committee treasurers must comply with all applicable filing deadlines established by law, and the lack of prior notice does not constitute an excuse for failing to comply with any filing deadline.

#### WHO MUST FILE

Party Committees and PACs (Nonconnected Committees and Separate Segregated Funds) must follow the above charts in order to determine whether they must file a report 12 days before the general election on November 4 (the Pre-General Election Report). All Party Committees and PACs, regardless of financial activity, must file a report 30 days after the general election (the Post-General Election Report). Before a committee can stop filing with the FEC, it must file a termination report with the Commission. Committees must continue to file reports until the Commission notifies them in writing that their termination report has been accepted.

#### METHODS OF FILING REPORTS

#### **Electronic Filing**

Quarterly Reports filed electronically must be received and validated by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing deadline. For additional information, call the Electronic Filing Office at (800) 424-9530 or (202) 694-1642 or visit our website at www.fec.gov/elecfil/electron.shtml.

Under the Commission's mandatory electronic filing regulations, political committees that receive contributions or make expenditures, including independent expenditures, in excess of \$50,000 in a calendar year, or that have reason to expect to do so, must file all reports with the FEC electronically. Other committees may voluntarily file electronically; however, any entity that files electronically, whether required to do so or not, must comply with the electronic filing rules.

#### Registered & Certified Mail

Quarterly Reports sent by Registered or Certified Mail must be postmarked on or before the mailing deadline to be considered timely filed. A committee sending its reports by Certified Mail should keep its certified mailing receipt with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) postmark as proof of filing because the USPS does not keep complete records of items sent by Certified Mail. A committee sending its report by Registered Mail should keep its proof of mailing. Please note that a Certificate of Mailing from the USPS is not sufficient to prove that a report is timely filed using Registered, Certified or Overnight Mail.

#### Overnight Mail

Quarterly Reports filed via overnight mail will be considered timely filed if the report is received by the delivery service on or before the mailing deadline. "Overnight mail" includes Priority or Express Mail having a delivery confirmation, or an overnight delivery service with which the report is scheduled for next business day delivery and is recorded in the service's on-line tracking system.

#### Other Means of Filing

Quarterly Reports filed by any other means—including first class mail and courier—must be received by the Commission (or for committees supporting only Senate candidates, the Secretary of the Senate) before the close of business on the last business day before the filing deadline.

Forms are available for downloading and printing at the FEC website at www.fec.gov/info/forms.shtml.

#### **COMPLIANCE**

Treasurer Responsibility. Treasurers of political committees are responsible for both the timeliness and the accuracy of all reports. They may be subject to monetary penalties if reports are inaccurate or are not filed on time. For additional information, see the Commission's Statement of Policy Regarding Treasurers Subject to Enforcement Proceedings on the web site at www.fec.gov/law/policy/2004/notice2004-20.pdf

Administrative Fine Program. Under the Administrative Fine Program, political committees and their treasurers who fail to file their reports on time may be subject to civil money penalties up to \$16,000 (or more for repeat late- and non-filers). For additional information, visit the FEC website at www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml.

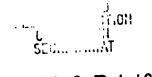
**Report Format.** In addition, political committees that file illegible reports or use non-FEC forms (except for FEC-approved, computer-generated forms) will be required to refile their reports.

Electronic Filers Must File Electronically. Electronic filers who instead file on paper, or who submit an electronic report (either by direct transmission, 3.5" diskette or CD) that does not pass the validation program by the 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing deadline, will be considered non-filers and may be subject to enforcement actions (including administrative fines).

#### **CHANGE IN FILING FREQUENCY**

Committees able to change their reporting schedule (for example, from monthly to quarterly) who wish to do so must notify the Commission in writing when filing a report under the committee's current schedule. All reports filed after providing such a notice of change in filing frequency must follow the new filing schedule. Electronic filers must file this request electronically. Committees may change their filing frequency no more than once per calendar year.





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## SENSITIVE

June 9, 2009

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

The Commission

Through:

Robert A. Hickey

Staff Director

From:

John D. Gibson

Chief Compliance Officer

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review

By:

Maureen Benitz

Reviewing Analyst

Subject:

Reviewing Officer Recommendation in AF# 1978 - National

Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and

Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer (C00072025)

The attached Reviewing Officer Recommendation is being circulated on an informational basis. A copy was also sent to the respondents in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The respondents may file with the Commission Secretary a written response within 10 days of transmittal of the recommendation.

After the 10 day period, the Reviewing Officer Recommendation and the respondents' written response, if any, will be circulated to the Commission to make a final determination.

Attachment



## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 9, 2009

## REVIEWING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ("OAR")

AF# 1978 - National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer (C00072025)

On March 31, 2009, the Commission found reason to believe ("RTB") that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to file the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report and made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$900 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. They were notified by the Reports Analysis Division ("RAD") on April 6, 2009 of the Commission's RTB finding and civil money penalty.

#### Respondents' Response

On May 11, 2009, the Commission received the written response ("challenge") from the Treasurer requesting that the Commission dismiss the finding and civil money penalty. The Treasurer states that the Committee filed the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report on October 23, 2008, the due date, and received an email confirmation, which looked no different than a normal confirmation, on the same date. He admits that the report included an incorrect ending coverage date of October 23, 2008, but says that they discovered the mistake and re-filed the report on November 13, 2008, with the correct ending coverage dates. He contends that the use of the wrong date was a factual error, and they actually provided more information than was needed.

A copy of an email from the FEC Filing Server regarding the Committee's filing of the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report on October 23 was also provided. The email states "FILING COULD NOT BE PROCESSED!" and informs the reader that, because an incorrect ending coverage date, October 23, 2008, was used for the report, it could not be processed.

#### **Analysis**

The 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report was filed on November 13, 2009, 21 days late.

The Federal Election Campaign Act ("Act") states that the treasurer of a political committee shall file a pre-election report which shall be filed no later than the 12<sup>th</sup> day before any election in which the committee makes a contribution to or expenditure on behalf of a candidate in such election. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(ii) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(c)(1)(ii). Reports electronically filed must be received and validated at or before 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard/Daylight Time on the prescribed filing date to

be timely filed. 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(e). The treasurer shall be personally responsible for the timely filing of reports. 11 C.F.R. § 104.14(d).

The Treasurer asserts that he filed the report on October 23, 2008, and received an email confirmation later the same day that looked no different than a normal confirmation receipt. In response to this statement, the Information Technology Division ("ITD") Manager states, "[T]hese emails are in fact quite different." For comparison, he provided copies of the emails sent to the Committee for the 2008 October Quarterly Report on October 14 and for the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report on October 23.

The email sent for the October Quarterly Report is much longer than the one sent for the 12 Day Pre-General Report. In the beginning of the email, it clearly indicates that the report has been successfully processed: "DISCLOSE -- FEC Financial Disclosure Filing Acknowledgement This is to acknowledge the receipt and acceptance of an electronic filing via the DISCLOSE protocol. The filing was received and accepted from filer ... at 10/14/2008 - 15:57:01." It then includes four sections: Identification, Results, Summary Page Totals, and Errors & Warnings. The last two sections include a summary for every line of the report as well as a list of warning messages for transactions that may need more information.

In contrast, the email sent for the 12 Day Pre-General Report is less than one page long. It contains no line summaries or warning messages and clearly states that the report was not successfully processed: "DISCLOSE -- FEC Electronic Filing System Notice -- FILING COULD NOT BE PROCESSED! This is to inform you of the failure of your electronic filing via the DISCLOSE protocol. Your filing was received at 2008-10-23 14:36:30.000.... Your filing could not be processed for the following reasons: The 12G report ... could not be processed because an incorrect ending coverage date 10/23/2008 was used for this report. Please file the report with the correct ending coverage date or contact your campaign finance analyst for assistance at (202) 694-1130 or (800)424-9530 extension 1130." The email sent with the respondents' challenge is identical to the one provided by the EFO.

If the Treasurer had more thoroughly read the email received on October 23, it would have been clear that the filing had not been processed. He would have had several more hours to resolve the issue and file the report on time since October 23 was a Thursday and campaign finance analysts as well as technicians in the EFO were on duty to resolve the issue. In addition, he may have been able to resolve the issue on his own, had he rechecked the Prior Notice sent to the Committee by the Commission on September 29, 2008. It indicates that the ending coverage date for the 12 Day Pre-General Report is October 15.

The respondents' challenge fails to reach any of the three valid excuses at 11 C.F.R § 111.35(b). These are: (i) the RTB finding is based on factual errors; and/or (ii) the improper calculation of the civil money penalty; and/or (iii) they used best efforts to file on time but were prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances

that were beyond their control and they filed the report no later than 24 hours after the end of these circumstances.

Therefore, the Reviewing Officer recommends that the Commission make a final determination that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$900.

#### **OAR Recommendations**

- (1) Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 1978 involving the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer:
- (2) Make a final determination in AF# 1978 that the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$900; and
- (3) Send the appropriate letter.

Reviewing Analyst: Maureen Benitz

#### **Attachments**

Attachment I - Challenge Received from Respondents

Attachment 2 -

Attachment 3 – Declaration from RAD

Attachment 4 – Declaration from OAR

#### **DECLARATION OF MAUREEN BENITZ**

- 1) I am the Reviewing Analyst in the Office of Administrative Review for the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Reviewing Analyst, I conduct research with respect to all challenges submitted in accordance with the Administrative Fine program.
- 2) The 12 Day Pre-General Report is due October 23, 2008. If electronically filed, it must be received and validated by the Commission at or before 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard/Daylight Time on October 23 to be timely filed.
- 3) I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and that the documents identified herein are the true and accurate copies of
  - a) Page 1 of the Summary Page for the 2008 October Quarterly Report electronically filed by the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer. According to the Commission's records, the report covers the period from July 1 through September 30, 2008 and was received on October 14, 2008; and
  - b) Page 1 of the Summary Page and one page of Schedule B for the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report electronically filed by the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer. According to the Commission's records, the report covers the period from October 1 through October 15, 2008 and was received on November 13, 2008. Schedule B for Line 23 lists a \$2,000 disbursement on October 1, 2008 to Woolsey for Congress. The "General" box for Disbursement "2008" is checked.
- 4) Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Washington on the 9th<sup>th</sup> of June 2009.

Maureen Benitz

Reviewing Analyst

Office of Administrative Review Federal Election Commission

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#### VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

June 10, 2009

Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee 1630 Duke Street, 4th Floor Alexandria, VA 22314

C00072025 AF# 1978

Dear Mr. Vilardo:

On March 31, 2009, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and you, as Treasurer ("respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to file the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report. The Commission also made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$900 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

After reviewing the written response submitted by you and any supplemental information submitted Commission staff, the Reviewing Officer has recommended that the Commission make a final determination in this matter. A copy of the Reviewing Officer's recommendation is attached.

You may file with the Commission Secretary a written response to the recommendation within 10 days of the date of this letter. Your written response should be sent to the Commission Secretary, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. As a result of the anthrax threat in the Washington, DC area, US Postal Service mail delivery to federal agencies, including the Commission, has been interrupted. Until regular mail delivery resumes, you may also file your written response with the Commission Secretary via facsimile (202-208-3333) or by courier at the same address (if you use an overnight delivery service, please use zip code 20004 instead of zip code 20463). Please include the AF # in your response. Your response may not raise any arguments not raised in your original written response or not directly responsive to the Reviewing Officer's recommendation. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The Commission will then make a final determination in this matter.

Please contact me at the toll free number 800-424-9530 (press 0, then press 1660) or 202-694-1660 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Maureen Benitzi
Reviewing Analyst

Office of Administrative Review

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June 26, 2009

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

The Commission

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Through:

Robert A. Hickey

Staff Director

From:

John D. Gibson

Chief Compliance Officer

Shawn Woodhead Werth

**Reviewing Officer** 

Office of Administrative Review

By:

Maureen Benitz

Reviewing Analyst

Subject:

Final Determination Recommendation in AF# 1978 - National Rural

Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and Anthony

Vilardo, as Treasurer (C00072025)

On March 31, 2009, the Commission found reason to believe ("RTB") that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failure to file the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report, an election sensitive report. The Report was filed on November 13, 2008, and is considered not filed for purposes of the civil money penalty. As a result, on March 31, 2009, the Commission also made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$900 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

On May 11, 2009, the Commission received their written response ("challenge"). After reviewing the challenge, the Reviewing Officer's recommendation dated June 9, 2009 was forwarded to the Commission, a copy was forwarded to the respondents, and is hereby incorporated by reference. The Reviewing Officer recommended that the Commission make a final determination that they violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a \$900 civil money penalty because they submitted no evidence that a factual error was made in the RTB finding, that the penalty was miscalculated at RTB or that they used best efforts to file on time. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(b).

Within 10 days of transmittal of the recommendation, the respondents may file a written response with the Commission Secretary which may not raise any arguments not

raised in the respondents' challenge or not directly responsive to the Reviewing Officer's recommendation. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). To date, no response has been received.

#### **OAR Recommendations**

- (1) Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 1978 involving the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer, in making the final determination;
- (2) Make a final determination in AF# 1978 that the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$900; and
- (3) Send the appropriate letter.

#### BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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and Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer	)	
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#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Mary W. Dove, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on July 09, 2009, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions in AF 1978:

- 1. Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF 1978 involving the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer, in making the final determination.
- 2. Make a final determination in AF 1978 that the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$900.
- 3. Send the appropriate letter.

July 9, 2009 Date

Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

Mary

Secretary of the Commission



July 16, 2009

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Anthony Vilardo, as Treasurer National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee 1630 Duke Street, 4th Floor Alexandria, VA 22314

C00072025 AF# 1978

Dear Mr. Vilardo:

On March 31, 2009, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and you, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to file the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report, an election sensitive report. By letter dated April 6, 2009, the Commission sent you notification of the RTB finding that included a civil money penalty calculated at RTB of \$900 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. On May 11, 2009, the Office of Administrative Review received the written response from you challenging the RTB finding and civil money penalty.

The Reviewing Officer reviewed the Commission's RTB finding with its supporting documentation and the written response. Based on this review, the Reviewing Officer recommended that the Commission make a final determination that the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and you, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty in the amount of \$900 in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. The basis for the Reviewing Officer's recommendation was included in the Final Determination Report, a copy of which was sent to you on June 10, 2009.

On July 9, 2009, the Commission adopted the Reviewing Officer's recommendation and made a final determination that the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee and you, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assessed a civil money penalty of \$900. A copy of the final determination recommendation is attached.

#### If You Choose to Appeal the Final Determination and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you choose to appeal the final determination, you should submit a written petition, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, to the district court of the United States for the district in which the committee or treasurer reside, or transact business, requesting that the final determination be modified or set aside. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(C)(iii). Your failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver of

the respondents' right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 C.F.R. § 111.38.

#### If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Appeal

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA") as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 ("DCIA"), 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. If you do not pay this debt within 30 days (or file a written petition to a federal district court - see below), the Commission will transfer the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") for collection. Within 5 days of the transfer to Treasury, Treasury will contact the debtor and request payment. Treasury currently charges a fee of 28% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. The fee will be added to the amount of the civil money penalty that you owe. Should Treasury's attempts fail, Treasury will refer the debt to a private collection agency ("PCA"). If the debt remains unpaid, Treasury may recommend that the Commission refer the matter to the Department of Justice for litigation.

#### If You Choose To Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the civil money penalty, send the enclosed form and payment to the address on page 3 within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. The file will be made a part of the public record pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 111.42(b). Although the file must be placed on the public record within 30 days from the date of the Commission's notification, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote.

If you have any questions regarding the payment of the civil money penalty, please contact Maureen Benitz on our toll free number (800)424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202)694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Steven T. Walther

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Chairman

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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the civil money penalty is \$900 for the 2008 12 Day Pre-General Report.

This penalty should be paid by check or money order, made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

Federal Election Commission PO Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC # 979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The form and payment are due within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

#### **PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK**

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTs). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on the check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

### PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: National Rural Letter Carriers' Association Political Action Committee

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